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SUBJ: PRC FRIENDSHIP GROUP TO OKINAWA

REF: TOKYO 5303

SUMMARY: FOURTEEN MEMBER PRC FRIENDSHIP GROUP ARRIVED IN OKINAWA MAY 9 FOR COURTESY CALLS ON REFORMIST POLITICAL LEADERS AND GROUPS. STAR ITEM OF VISIT WAS QTE BASE OBSERVATION UNQTE TOUR IN MORNING OF MAY 10. AT EVENING WELCOMING RECEPTION, REFORMIST LEADERS MADE OBLIQUE CRITICISMS OF U. S. BASE

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PRESENCE; PRC GROUP LEADER'S RESPONSE WAS SYMPATHETIC BUT SUBDUED. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING LOCAL VERNACULAR PRESS, FOURTEEN MEMBER PRC GROUP, LED BY MA CHUN KU, DEPUTY CHIEF OF CHINA- JAPAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION DELEGATION VISITING JAPAN, ARRIVED OKINAWA MAY 9 FOR COURTESY CALLS ON REFORMIST POLITICAL LEADERS AND GROUPS. GROUP'S VISIT SPONSORED BY FUKKIKYO ( OKINAWA REVERSION COUNCIL). ABOUT 150 PERSONS, INCLUDING GOV YARA, DEP GOV MIYAZATO, PRE-CONFIDENTIAL

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FECTIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER TAIRA, NAHA MAYOR TAIRA, AND OKINAWA  
LDP CHAIRMAN OTA, GAVE THEM INTHUSIASTIC AIRPORT WELCOME. PRC  
GROUP MADE COURTESY CALLS ON YARA AND TWO TAIRAS, THEN SPLIT INTO  
TWO GROUPS FOR VISITS WITH REFORMIST GROUPS. STAR ITEM OF VISIT  
WAS THREE- HOUR QTE BASE OBSERVATION UNQTE TOUR MORNING OF MAY 10,  
VIA STANDARD HIGHWAY TOUR AROUND BASE PERIMETER FINISHING AT  
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEAR KADENA. LOCAL TV GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO  
SCHOOL COMPLAINT ABOUT JET NOISE INTERFERENCE WITH STUDY AND TO  
DELEGATION LOW KEY RESPONSE THAT NOISE UNPLEASANT AND QTE WE  
ARE AS OPPOSED TO PRESENCE OF MILITARY BASES AS YOU ARE UNQTE.  
2. AT MAY 9 EVINING WELCOMING RECEPTION, YARA REPORTEDLY  
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR VISIT, WHICH HE SAID ENCOURAGED HIS

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EFFORT AT BUILDING A NEW POST- REVERSION OKINAWA. NAHA MAYOR  
TAIRA, NOTING THAT U. S. FORCES TOOK ONE THIR OF NAHA' S LAND AND  
JAPAN- CHINA RELATIONS HAD BEEN SEVERED IN POST- WAR PERIOD,  
REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NAHA WOULD REGAIN ITS HISTORIC  
POSITION AS GATEWAY FOR JAPAN- CHINA EXCHANGES. MA REPLIED  
THA PRC RESPECTED REVERSION EFFORTS OF OKINAWANS, THAT OKINAWA  
BELONGED TO THE OKINAWANS AND JAPANESE, AND THAT PRC WOULD  
WORK WITH OLD FRIENDS AND NEW FRIENDS TO STRENGTHEN JAPAN-  
CHINA TIES.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PRC VISIT PLAYED BY REFORMISTS FOR  
OBVIOUS REFORMIST PURPOSES, OKINAWANS GENERALLY HAVE VAGUE  
SENSE OF IDENTITY WITH MAINLAND BASED ON POPULAR HISTORICAL  
RECOLLECTIONS RATHER THAN MODERN- DAY POLITICAL SLOGANS.  
OKINAWAN GROUP VISITING PRC IN DECEMBER 1972 INCLUDED MAJORITY  
OF BONA FIDE CONSERVATIVE BUSINESSMEN. ONE LEADER OF OKINAWAN  
TOUR GROUP RECOUNTED HOW DISILLOUSIONED THE MEMBERS WERE AT  
PRC' S LACK OF SPECIAL INTEREST, EITHER IN TRADE OR EXPLOITA-  
TION OF OKINAWA' S POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE ( U. S. BASE ISSUE).  
RETURN VISIT BY PRC GROUP THIS WEEK SEEMED TO FIT DECEMBER  
EXPERIENCE-- PRC DEL WENT THROUGH ALL OF PACES OF REFORMIST

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VISITS TO OKINAWA THESE DAYS, BUT REFUSED TO LEND SELVES TO  
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